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Gulf Coast Faculty Council Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2017
8:34 – 10:15 a.m.
Hardy Hall 316

1. Call to Order: 8:34am
Present: Ken Zantow, Danielle Greenhow, Lee Follett, Marlene Naquin, Maria Leach, Shiao Wang, Karen Rich, Bret Blackmon, Adrienne McPhaul, Joyce Shaw, Jennifer Anderson, Heidi Lyn, Tom Rishel, David Holt
Absent: Kevin Walker
Proxies: Scott Milroy (Danielle Greenhow), Don Redalje (Danielle Greenhow), Eric Saillant (Joyce Shaw)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (Marlene/Heidi) – no comments/changes
4. (about 8:45) Guest Speaker: Casey Maugh-Funderburk, Vice Provost
Casey reviewed the new positions that have been filed since last semester and discussed the changes/additions to the Gulf Coast library (new SGA space, 24/7 student space with computers, print station, and swipe card access from outside the library). She reviewed the progress on the CoB building and the contracting process for student housing on campus. There is currently a request for qualifications out. Casey talked about the plan for a student resource center (3 story building) which has been designed but is still awaiting funds to be realized. Other changes on campus that were discussed include removal of the old CoB building, repairs around Bear Point Bayou, Science Building legal, and new walkways for the campus. Ken asked about the progress with recruitment of international students and Casey commented that the process is still evolving. Discussion about the new academic calendar and scheduling process highlighted that beginning Fall 2018 new schedule will be only 15 week and new time blocks will try to take advantage of market analysis for when students want to take certain classes, as well as utilize space available. Casey reminded everyone about complete to compete, the program encouraging adults to return to complete their degree.
5. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Ken Zantow)
Ken highlighted his work on the reorg steering committee and updated everyone on the progress. David asked for clarification about power of steering committee and Ken responded with assurance that faculty are developing new ideas/paths forward and governance will proceed as it always has. Heidi echoed support for letting faculty committees steer progress (like ALC) without squashing shared governance.

- b. President-elect (Lee Follett)
SGA is trying to advance proposal to change how latin designations are awarded at graduation. As of now USM requires a thesis and GPA requirements but the proposal supports designation only based on GPA requirements.
 - c. Secretary (Danielle Greenhow) – No report
 - d. Secretary-elect (Marlene Naquin)
Marlene is still checking on Skype for Business for meetings. Maria suggested a check into whether it meets FERPA requirements.
6. New Business
- a. Priorities
Jennifer and Bret will send email to remind council members to request feedback about priorities from college faculty members.
7. Old business
- a. Bylaws
Committee still working on updating bylaws to reflect new organization/representation under the reorg structure. Comments were made to suggest need to clarify election process in the bylaws.
 - b. Welcome back party
Discussions about timing and availability of council members for planning led to the decision to postpone the event and plan for a holiday/spring welcome back event instead. Planning committee (Jennifer, Marlene, Joyce) will discuss with Casey if monies will still be available for later event.
8. Adjourn: 10:15am

Upcoming Meetings (all meetings at 8:30 a.m.):

October 12, 2017	– HH 316
November 9, 2017	– HH 316
December 7, 2017	– HH 346
February 8, 2018	– HH 316
March 8, 2018	– HH 316
April 12, 2018	– HH 316
May 10, 2018	– HH 316